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Serial No. : 09/755,058

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ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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Sir:

We have received a Communication dated December 6, 2002, forwarding a Notice of Abandonment for failure to timely file a reply to the Office Action of February 1, 2002. Reconsideration of the Notice of Abandonment is respectfully requested for the reasons discussed below.

The Office Action of February 1, 2002 required an election of species. In response, a paper entitled "Amendment And Election" was filed on February 15, 2002. It elected one of the species identified in the Office Action, identified claims reading on the elected species, and revised the claims to improve their form and definiteness under US practice in preparation for examination of the application. It is respectfully submitted that the paper entitled "Amendment And Election" constituted a complete and proper response to the Office Action of February 1, 2002.

A copy of the "Amendment And Election" is attached. Also attached is a copy of our postcard filing receipt of the Amendment And Election. It should be noted that the postcard filing receipt bears the Patent and Trademark Office's date stamp for February 15, 2002, thus providing evidence that it was indeed filed on that date. Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment should be withdrawn.

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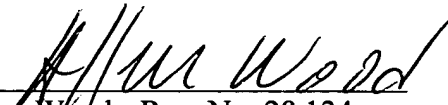
Since it is apparent that the original of the "Amendment And Election" has gone astray at the Patent and Trademark Office, it is respectfully requested that the attached copy be used as the basis of further examination.

It is noted that we filed a status request on June 14, 2002 (well within the maximum 6-month period for responding to the Office Action) and received no reply from the Patent and Trademark Office. We filed another status request on October 23, 2002, and (again) received no reply. Copies of these status requests are attached, along our postcard filing receipts. It can only be considered regrettable that these status requests went unanswered, since otherwise the Patent and Trademark Office's loss of the original "Amendment And Election" would have been discovered earlier and prosecution might well have been completed by now.

Respectfully submitted,

December 16, 2002
Date

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